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1. New Soviet troops have arrived at Zwickau since the middle of September 1953. They are mainly small motorized units in groups with about 30 vehicles each. They are quartered in the vicinity of Weissenborn, partly in tents. 25X1C

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Each group also has two armored reconnaissance cars and an armored ammunition truck. Each truck unit of 26 to 30 trucks has a command car. There is a 76.2 mm gun on each truck. Four such groups in all have been observed. They are quartered in part in the restricted area in Zwickau, near the Stalinplatz and Clara Zetkinstrasse. Some of the cars stand in the streets. A train is standing near Weissenborn. It is indicated on the accompanying map by the number I; number II is the camouflaged parking place of two command cars with antennas extended.

2. The Werdau garrison units which last summer took part in exercises at Weissenborn have been withdrawn. Trucks [REDACTED] 25X1C

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[REDACTED] have been seen at Olbnitz in front of the trade school. The school is occupied by Soviet troops which came from the direction of Dresden.

3. On 16 September 1953 a train was observed on the Reichenbach-Chemnitz line, standing at Flöha. It carried 23 covered tanks and numerous vehicles. Every fourth car in the train was occupied by Soviet soldiers.

[Available on loan from the CIA Library is a map showing train at Weissenborn (para 1) by number I, and a camouflaged parking of two command cars indicated by number II]

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